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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION TAIPEI, INFO HONG KONG, TOKYO,
CINCPAC, COMUSTDC TAIPEI, JUNE 9 FROM SECSTATE RPTD TO YOU:

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SUBJECT: UPI REPORT OF F-4 WITHDRAWAL

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

REF: TAIPEI3308

1. DEPARTMENT HAS NOT COMMENTED ON THE RECORD ON
WITHDRAWAL OF F-4 SQUADRON AND CONTEMPLATED REDUCTION IN
PERSONNEL TO 2800 BY THE END OF THE MONTH. CHINA NEWS
JUNE 9 ITEM IS PROBABLY BASED ON NEW YORK TIMES JUNE 8
GWERTZMAN ARTICLE REPORTING THASE REDUCTIONS AND SOURC-
ING THEM TO "RANKING STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL."
ACCORDING TO GWERTZMAN, THE OFFICIAL ALSO SAID THAT THE
PHASE-OUT IS TAKING PLACE IN CONFORMITY WITH THE PLEDGE
MADE BY THE UNITED STATES TO PEKING DURING NIXON'S VISIT
IN FEBRUARY, 1972. IN FACT, IN REUPONSE TO QUESTIONS,
GWERTZMAN WAS TOLD THAT WITHDRAWAL WAS GOVERNED BY
AGREEMENT WITH ROC ON RETURN OR REPLACEMENT OF BORROWED
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AIRCRAFT. WHILE WITHDRAWAL WAS CONSISTENT WITH SHANGHAI

COMMUNIQUE, OUR F-4S WERE BOTH INTRODUCED AND REMOVED SINCE COMMUNIQUE SIGNED. GWERTZMAN QUERIES ON SUBJECT WERE STIMULATED BY BRIEF UPI ITEM FROM TAIPEI REPORTING THE WITHDRAWALS.

2. ONLY OTHER NOTEWORTHY TREATMENT OF WITHDRAWALS TO

JUNE 9 WAS JUNE 9 CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR ARTICLE BY DANA ADAMS SCHMIDT WHO FURTHER AND INCORRECTLY ASSERTED THAT THERE WERE FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ADMINISTRATION'S POLITICAL AND MILITARY ADVISORS OVER US MILITARY PRESENCE AND USE OF TAIWAN.

3. SUBJECT DID NOT COME UP AT JUNE 9 DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING. WE ARE SENDING BY SEPTEL MODIFIED PRESS GUIDANCE DEVELOPED TO DEAL WITH GWERTZMAN AND SCHMIDT STORIES. TEXT THESE STORIES CARRIED X SECTION OF JUNE 9 WIRELESS FILE.

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